

The ISLANDS of
GUERNSEY

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW ACROSS THE ISLANDS OF GUERNSEY IN 2026

Fresh flight routes, festivals, retreats and other island experiences await



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12 December 2025: London, UK – The Islands of Guernsey are preparing to welcome visitors in 2026 with an exciting line-up of new openings enhancing travellers' experiences to the islands. Known for their rich history, vibrant arts and culture, striking coastal landscapes and thriving gastronomy scene, the islands continue to evolve while staying true to their warm, welcoming spirit.

2026

A new gateway to Guernsey with British Airways - April 2026

British Airways is launching new daily routes from London Heathrow in April next year. Celebrated for its Caribbean-like beaches, breathtaking scenery, rare wildlife-spotting, stargazing opportunities and delicious cuisine, the Islands of Guernsey have long been a favourite holiday destination for Brits. The launch of the new daily flights from British Airways means the islands will be even more accessible for visitors to enjoy and experience its warm welcoming hospitality. *Return flights from £101.*

A celebration of island flavour - The Big Eat Guernsey debuts - April & October 2026

Continuing the run of new gastronomy experiences, 2026 will see the launch of The Big Eat Guernsey – a month-long food festival running in both April and October that celebrates the distinctive flavours and culinary culture of Guernsey and its neighbouring isles. The Big Eat will be a chance to sample authentic island produce, in particular seafood and locally produced dairy. The festival will feature special month-long menus at local restaurants, cafes and eateries, immersive food experiences and outdoor dining events. Each immersive, themed experience will come under one of four themes - *Meet the Locals, The Great Outdoors, Foraging and Fine Dining, or French connections.*

Herm Island's Rest, Restore, Reflect Yoga Retreat - April 2026

In spring 2026, visitors can discover a restorative escape on car-free Herm Island with the *Rest, Restore, Reflect* Yoga Retreat taking place from 17-19 April 2026. Hosted by [Yoga Elements](#), the retreat will be led by Katie - who brings 10 years of retreat experience, 13 years of teaching and 25 years of practice. The retreat offers an exclusive space designed to dissolve tension, quiet the mind and encourage a deeper connection to the present moment. Guests will enjoy private accommodation at the [White House Hotel or Cottages](#), taste nourishing vegetarian meals at the Mermaid Tavern and enjoy a full programme of gentle yoga classes. Optional treatments, stunning coastal walks, sea swims and peaceful hotel grounds will also be available for guests, allowing participants to tailor the experience to their own pace. *Taking place from Friday afternoon - Sunday morning, prices start from £570 per person excluding travel.* [Details & booking at yogaelementsgg.com](#)

Elevate your swing at La Grande Mare resort

A luxury resort on Guernsey's west coast, [La Grande Mare](#) is undergoing a multi-million-pound transformation into a world-class country club. The redevelopment includes an 18-hole golf course, Golf Performance Centre, health club, spa, fine dining and eco-conscious design. The golf course is expected to open in autumn 2026, with the country club following in 2027.

2025

2025 brought a rich variety of new dining experiences, adding fresh flavours and global influences to Guernsey's already dynamic culinary landscape, from Japanese and Mediterranean inspirations to Michelin-level gastronomy.

Vraic sets a new dining standard

Popular since its opening, [Vraic](#) opened its doors with Nathan Davies, the Michelin-starred chef behind SY23 in Aberystwyth and former head chef at globally renowned Ynyshir in Wales, in July 2025. The restaurant is named after the Guernésiais word for seaweed - an ode to the exceptional fish, shellfish and diverse seaweed species found on the coastline. Visitors can enjoy an intimate tasting-menu that celebrates local produce and seaweed cooked over an open fire to create bold, seasonal dishes that reflect the island's landscape and sustainable ethos.

Alba arrives with Mediterranean and Caribbean flavours

[Alba](#), a vibrant new culinary destination, opened its doors in Guernsey's Market Square in spring 2025. Inspired by classic French, Spanish and Italian flavours, the small-plate menu also utilises fresh local ingredients and offers a cocktail bar that will transport visitors to 1920s Central America through its extensive tequila and rum selection. Diners can sip their drinks whilst enjoying a lively atmosphere with live DJs.

Fukku opens its doors with modern Japanese dining

Having opened in July 2025, [Fukku](#), a contemporary Japanese restaurant, blends authentic izakaya roots with modern dining. Located in the former post office building on Smith Street, Fukku offers a stylish, minimalist casual setting. It hosts an affordable dining menu that features flavour-packed options including ramen and poke bowls, tempura dishes and grilled seafood. Each dish is crafted from premium Japanese and local ingredients. Fukku's dishes are complemented by curated sake, wines, and cocktails.

Rock Box Sauna enhances west coast wellness

Nestled on Guernsey's breathtaking west coast, [Rock Box Sauna](#) launched in May 2025, offering a Finnish-style sauna experience like no other. Housed in a beautifully converted vintage horsebox and heated by a traditional wood-fired stove, it provides the perfect space to unwind while enjoying uninterrupted panoramic sea views through its full-width window. The business operates seasonally, switching between two locations: Vazon Slipway from November to April and Cobo Slipway from May to October. *Prices start from £15 per person.*

Move with meaning with Forme Pilates

Located in St Andrew's, Forme Pilates opened in August 2025, offering a relaxing, welcoming space for personalised 1:1 and duet session Pilates. Forme's boutique Pilates studio gives guests a calm, contemporary space to move, breathe and feel more connected to their bodies. Fully equipped with reformer beds and props, Forme combines classical principles with modern techniques to help clients build strength, flexibility and mindful movement. *Class prices start from £55.*

For more information on visiting the Islands of Guernsey, please visit www.visitguernsey.com.

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How to get there

With flight times from the UK as little as 40 minutes and ferry sailings from three hours, visitors can opt to take the ferry over the Channel from Poole or Portsmouth or fly directly from the UK with British Airways and Aurigny. From April 2026 British Airways will operate one daily flight from London Heathrow Terminal 5 via ba.com. Aurigny operates year-round direct flights to Guernsey from London, Southampton, and other regional airports. www.aurigny.com. Brittany Ferries operates fast and traditional ferries from Poole and Portsmouth to Guernsey year-round. Ferries depart from Guernsey's St Peter Port to Sark, Alderney, and Herm at multiple times throughout the day during the summer. <https://www.brittany-ferries.co.uk/>